

Legislation from the 2025 USA Swimming HoD

The following is a summary of legislation passed in September in Denver that has an impact on our LSC - both in operations, policies, and procedures with the effective date noted below. Note:

- The rule updates that affect officials' interpretations and actions, effective immediately (R1, R2, R4, R5, R10, HK1).
- There are changes, many of which we are already incorporating into our meets, but also some additions (R3, R7, HK2)
- Updates to bylaws (HK4).

No.	Description	Location	Action	Effectivity
R-1	To update the current definition of disability.	OFFICIAL GLOSSARY 105.1 701.24	Adopted	Immediate
R-2	To modify the jurisdiction of the starting position from the Starter to the Starter or Stroke and Turn Judge.	101.1	Adopted	Immediate
R-3	To provide additional competition opportunities for 15-18 swimmers, aligning with World Aquatics and the addition of 50s of stroke into the LA28 Olympics.	102.1	Adopted	1-Dec-25
R-4	To provide uniform procedures for Administrative Officials, based on current practices, when it is found that swimmers have been over-entered and/or competed beyond allowable limits.	102.2	Adopted	Immediate
R-5	To provide a swimmer the option of a counter in the 16 length 400 SCM freestyle race. This would especially benefit younger and newer swimmers.	102.6	Adopted	Immediate
R-6	To clarify technical swimsuit restrictions for 12 & Under athletes.	102.8	Adopted	Immediate
R-7	To clarify which distances and strokes are recognized for American and United States Open Records.	104.2	Adopted	Immediate
R-8	To make it easier for athletes to achieve results when the LSC cannot obtain enough officials for observed meets.	202.8	Defeated	
R-9	To align with current practices and to allow the Senior Development Committee the ability to evaluate Futures Championships each year for the best opportunities for the athletes.	204.10	Adopted	Immediate
R-10	To clarify that 12 & Under athletes shall only swim in one preliminary session and the related finals when preliminaries and finals are contested.	205.3	Adopted	Immediate
R-11	To align athlete representation on the Coach Advisory Council with other similar committees.	501.1.2	Adopted	Immediate
R-12	To allow for Potomac Valley Swimming to sanction meets in a territory occupied by Potomac Valley Swimming clubs.	603.2	Defeated	
R-13	To bring LSC Bylaws into alignment and conformity with USA Swimming desired practices.	7.4.3 7.4.4 Required LSC Bylaws	Adopted	Immediate
HK-1	To conform to World Aquatics regulations and to clarify that at least one toe from each foot must be in contact with the end wall or touchpad.	101.4	Adopted	Immediate
HK-2	To conform to current practice and align with World Aquatics events.	102.1	Adopted	Immediate
HK-3	To align with USOPC requirements.	304.3	Adopted	Immediate
HK-4	To correct a reference to Article 404 that no longer exists, and to remove references to specific policy numbers in the Operating Policy Manual.	Multiple Occurrences Required LSC Bylaws	Adopted	Immediate
M-1	To conform to World Aquatics regulations.	102.21	Informational	Immediate
M-2	To conform to World Aquatics regulations and to clean up the "Mandatory" notations.	103.15	Informational	Immediate
I-1	To merge Lake Erie Swimming and Ohio Swimming into one LSC as described in 604.4; to redistrict Woodbury County from Midwestern Swimming to Iowa Swimming, and to redistrict multiple towns in Maine from Maine Swimming to New England Swimming.	603.2 605.1	Informational	
	Appeal to move Floyd and Clark Counties of Indiana from the Kentucky Swimming LSC to the Indiana Swimming LSC.	603.2	Defeated	
	Appeal to move Platinum Aquatics and Tiger Sharks of Texas as well as Bell and Milam Counties of Texas from the South Texas LSC to the Gulf Swimming LSC	603.2	Defeated	